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**SCH2008032062, Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report and
Environmental Impact Statement for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan**

Dear Mesdames Brown and Idlof:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Notice of Preparation for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).

There are numerous State Highway System (SHS) facilities within the proposed BDCP planning area boundary. Caltrans' foreseeable project plans within the area boundary include improvements to State Route 4 in Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties, State Route 12 in San Joaquin County, and State Route 84 in Solano County. As our agencies' plans progress, Caltrans will welcome any appropriate coordination of projects.

It appears that the proposed project may require access to the SHS during project activities, thus requiring an encroachment permit. The following link connects to our Encroachment Permit website, providing an application and instructions, should access be needed:

<http://dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>. Attached is a copy of the Caltrans *District Encroachment Permit Offices* map, with contact addresses and phone numbers.

Further, movement of vehicles/loads exceeding statutory limitations on the size, weight, and loading of vehicles on the SHS would require issuance of a transportation permit. Please refer to the next link for applicable information: <http://dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/permits/>.

Please contact me via telephone at 916-653-0808 or e-mail: betty_l_miller@dot.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding our comments or if you wish to contact our districts for more specific proposed project information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty Miller".

Betty Miller

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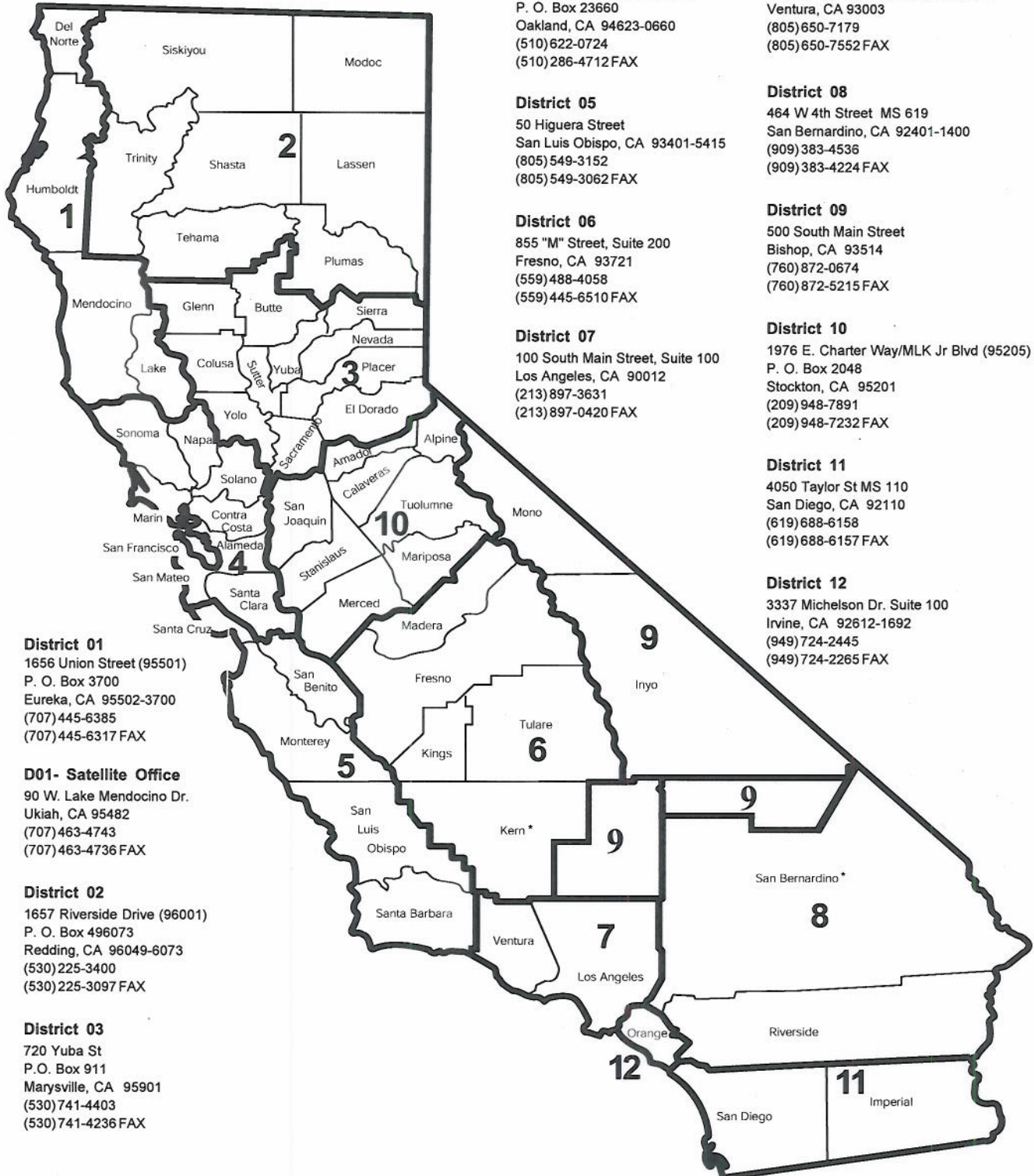
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District Encroachment Permit Offices



* Eastern Kern County and Northern San Bernardino County fall under D09's jurisdiction. Please contact the office if you have any questions.